



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE APPLICATION OF:

Trautman *et al.*

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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PIERCING
SKIN WITH MICROPROTRUSIONS

EXAMINER: Williams, C. S.

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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the Final Office action dated January 11, 2006.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the attached replacement sheets and are discussed on page 2.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.